RQ2 How
Methodological Considerations
How do PPs transform the civil society and its interaction with the local governments?

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1. Literature Review

- Cases in Brazil, Britain, USA...

- Focus on most influential, best practices or exemplar cases (Fung 2009)

- The impacts of similar institutional devices (e.g. participatory budgeting: Sintomer and Ganuza 2011; Blanco and Ballester 2011; Baiocchi et al. 2011; Ganuza, Nez and Morales, 2014)

- Effect production/context production: almost no studies considering various types of participatory devices and their effect production in comparative terms

- Operationalization of changes (from local configurations to micro-processes of transformation).
2. Exploratory Fieldwork

- Interviews with 8 scholars/ nationally recognized specialists
- 2 nominal groups with public participation professionals (facilitators, organizers, public servants, etc.)

Useful for:

- Case selection
- Case construction (informants)
- Operationalization (codebook)
- Hypothesis-building

Fieldwork: Interview Guide
(Manuel Jiménez & Patricia García Espín. *Participatory Processes as Democracy Enhancers. What effects, what mechanisms, what evidences in civil society and its interaction with the state*. Forthcoming)

**EFFECTS ON CIVIL SOCIETY & INTERACTION WITH AUTHORITIES**

- Internally in civil society actors (empowerment, resources, etc.)
- Between civil society actors (relationships)
- Between Local Authorities & Civil Soc. Actors
- Civil Society Actors & Citizens
4. Methods & Data

Selection of Cases and Context

- Typical or normal cases (as opposed to exemplar ones)
- A variety of participatory devices
- MECPALO Database
- Purposive selection: Intensity of cases: Pre-check:
  - Durable in time & interactions (permanent)
  - Deliberative settings (interaction)
  - Influence in policy-making (proposals)
  - Homologous context (mid-size/post-industrial)
- 3 regions

3 Advisory Councils
3 Participatory Budgeting
Consejo de Participación de Ciudad (2006-2011, representantes políticos, asociativos y ciudadanos elegidos al azar)

Presupuesto Participado de Inversiones (2008-2011, iniciativa de propuesta y votación abierta a toda la ciudadanía, mesas territoriales con presencia asociativa, 4 mill. € presupuesto)

Consejo de Participación Sectorial (Ámbito: Voluntariado, 2007-, 19-35 asociaciones involucradas)

Presupuesto Participativo (2004-2010, más de 3000 participantes, 3 mill. € en la última edición)

Presupuesto Participativo (2008-2010, 100-200 participantes en asambleas de zona, 230.000 € en 2009)
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Data

- Desk: internal rules, minutes, marketing brochures, local media, etc.
- 52 semi-structured interviews with informants (privileged observers)
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Analysis:

Transcription interviews → CODING (Nvivo) → Reliability Test

CODING (Nvivo) → CCA (CROSS-CASE ANALYSIS)

6 CASES (reconstruction)
E: Did it produce any change in the working style of social groups?
I: Very limited, very limited… because we did not have time enough to break all the walls, the barriers. Thus, at the beginning, you start trying to overcome (“tú vas sorteando”) those difficulties, and I think we did not have time enough. But I insist on the potentiallity…”

(Participation professional, facilitator, participatory budgeting case, Andalucía, woman)
Thanks!

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